both the enforcement machinery and facilities for testing cosmetics.

(b) and (c) There is no information available regarding the estimated loss or revenue as a result of spurious sale of cosmetics. No representation was received for rationalisation of excise duty on cosmetics so as to boost the sale of genuine products and speedy collection of excise duty on cosmetics was received from several quarters prior to budget. Considering such requests, the excise duty on cosmetics and toiletory preparations were reduced from 120.75 per cent to 70 yer cent.

Prices of essential commodities

3543. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Wil the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import essential commodities if steep price rise continues in the domestic market;

(b) if so, whether Government have started monitoring the prices of 10 essential commodities on day to day basis and on a weekly basis;

(c) whether Government have also decided not to hesitate to interfere in the market by releasing foodgrains;

(d) whether Ministry has pointed out that the inflation rate has been halved from 12.3 per cent one year back to 6.1 per cent in the current year;

(e) if so, to what extent it has found in order;

(f) whether Government have considered monitoring of the prices on the basis of quotations from 55 selected retail/wholesale centres throughout the country; and

(g) if so, to what extent it has been done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Government has been monitoring the prices and availability of essential commodities in the market. As and when, the supply has fallen short of demand, the commodities have been imported to supplement the supply and there is no change in this policy.

(b) The Government has been monitoring regularly the prices of 10 essential commodities on day to day and on weekly basis;

(c) The Government takes the necessary measures for keeping the supply position of foodgrains comfortable in the market.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. As per provisional estimates, the annual rate of inflation measured in terms of variation in the wholesale price index number came down from 12.3 per cent as on 25.6.1992 to 6.1 percent as on 26.6.1993.

(f) and (g) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration

Modernisation of Singareni Collieries

3544. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to increase the production of coal from Singareni Collieries in Andhra Pradesh in 1993-94, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what are the plans for modernisation and more intense exploitation of the coal mines in operation under Singareni Collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Against the actual production of 22.509 m.t. in the year 1992-93, target fixed in consultation with Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 is 24.00 m.t. The details of projects which would yield increased production during 1993-94 are given below:

Sl. No.	Projects	Target 1992-93	Target 1993-94	Increased in production during 1993-94
(A)	On-going projects			
1	GDK-10-Blasting Gallery method for developed pillars	..	0.120	0.120
2	GDK-10 A Incline	0.220	0.365	0.145
3	Vikilpalli Block	0.060	0.150	0.090
4	RGM. OC. III	0.750	1.480	0.730
5	KTK-1&1A Incline	0.090	0.120	0.030
6	JK-3 OC 'E' Block	0.185	0.500	0.315
	Existing Projects Increase from Existing Mines	6.145	6.210	0.065
	TOTAL			1.495

(b) No Scheme has been taken up in SCCL specifically under the title of "Modernisation of coal Mines". However, two schemes of modernisation of SCCL's Captive Power Generation Plants have been taken up.

	(Rs. crores)
1. Kothagudem Power House	3.2
2. Ramagundem 18 MW Power House	5.5

SCCL has introduced mechanisation for more intense exploitation of Coalmines.

If mechnisation itself is considered as modernisation, the following coal projects are in operation under SCCL.

Sl. No.	Project	Ultimate Capacity (MTY)
	Underground Mines	
1	GDK- 10 BG (Sanctioned)	0.25
2	GDK 8, B.G. (Sanctioned)	0.20
3	Padmavatikhani UG (Proposed)	1.20
	Opencast Mines	
4	R.G. OC I (Marginal Scheme)	0.30
5	JK- 3OC Block 'C' (Sanctioned)	0.50